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**FOR: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR GRADUAL APPLICATION OF A HITLESS
MONITORING ACCESS TO A COMMUNICATION CIRCUIT EMPLOYING A
GUIDED TRANSMISSION MEDIA**

Enclosed are:

- [X] 29 Pages of specification, claims, abstract
- [X] Declaration & Power of Attorney
- [X] Priority Claimed from US Provisional Application Nos. 60/193,359, and 60/200,390, filed 3/31/00 and 4/28/00, respectively.
- [] Certified copy of _____
- [X] 8 sheets of drawings
- [X] An assignment of the invention ✓
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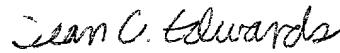
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